

Some things Inuit neglect to do...That you should be aware of...

We often forget to add "Please" to our request. The word does not exist in Inuktitut. Some people often think that Inuit are rude because they don't say please.

Sometimes, we forget to greet people. Traditionally, a smile said everything. Now a days, we say ...hello..etc...In Nunavik and South Baffin, they say aingai. Elijah-ngai!Trudy-ngai! Aingai can stand by it self. Aingai Keith! Aingai Patricia! Or just plain aingai.

You only say "qanuipit?" knowing something was wrong with that person. If they were okay, we said nothing.

Qanuipit= Is something wrong with you? (Knowing that person was not okay, i.e. yesterday)

"Ullaakkut...ullukkut...unnukkut" Again, traditionally were not used like they are today....The suffix...kut means in the...(Describes when)

If some one said ullaakkut, during a conversation, it would mean... "in the morning", the next day.

"Ullaakkut ainiapagit" Meaning...I'll pick you up tomorrow morning. There is no need to say tomorrow (In Inuktitut) because it's understood in the sentence. Now a days, "ullaakkut" normally means good morning. Ullukkut and unnukkut are used the same way. Ullukkut=Good day. Unnukkut=Good evening.

Please feel free to comment or ask questions.

Aingai,

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